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NEGROES BOYCOTT RESTAURANT

MUCH PATRONIZED EATING PLACE AT SOULLIN'S PLACED IN CLASS THAT "DON'T WANT NEGRO TRADE."

Tony's Saloon, in Connection, Will Also Be Put Under Ban. Liquor Shop Open on Sunday in Violation of Law While Police Are Near By.

A restaurant or eating house located at 6713 Manchester avenue, near Scullin's Steel Plant, where many Negroes have spent their money for meals, has put the ban on serving Negroes in their place. Just when this discrimination edict went into effect, the reports for the Argus didn't learn. However, when a representative of the Argus in company with an insurance agent went into the place and seated themselves for a lunch, last Saturday, they were promptly told that no Negroes would be served in there at the tables, stating, however, that "we can give you a hand-out and you can eat in the saloon which is connected." When questioned as to why service had been denied their patrons at this time, the attendant stated that they did not care for Colored trade and if we were not satisfied he was.

The reporter told him that just two weeks ago, like many other Negroes had sat at the table, was served meals and ate without a word of protest from any one. The attendant said he did not remember.

Tony's Saloon Open Sundays.

It was recalled, however, that on the time mentioned above it was on Sunday, and because the restaurant acts as an "ante room" for Tony's saloon and so many Negroes are regular Sunday patrons of the saloon, they allow the Negroes to eat in the restaurant, while they patronize the saloon, which does

N. A. A. C. P. WILL HOLD DOUGLAS CELEBRATION

Commemoration of One Hundredth Anniversary of Birth of Frederick Douglass will be held at Pythian Hall Monday evening, February 12. Prof. Peter H. Clark, Pastoral Friend, will be Principal Speaker.

The St. Louis Branch of The National Association for the Advancement of the Colored People will celebrate the 100th anniversary of the birth of Frederick Douglass at Pythian Temple, Wednesday, Feb. 12, ending with a subdivision of the Branch into Community Groups to instill the spirit of Douglass in every Colored locality in St. Louis.

The Association, throughout the United States, is setting up localities to instill the spirit of Douglass in every Colored locality in St. Louis. The Association, throughout the United States, is setting up localities to instill the spirit of Douglass in every Colored locality in St. Louis. The Association, throughout the United States, is setting up localities to instill the spirit of Douglass in every Colored locality in St. Louis.

While this bunch is being served by two bartenders, another line is being formed in the restaurant, the attendant of which is very polite and courteous, every few minutes knocking on the door, telling Tony to "hurry up." During this time there is no color line drawn in the saloon. The police were a short distance away, but seemed to pay no attention to the crowd.

It is the belief that Tony owns the restaurant and has issued this order so the Negroes will be compelled to eat in the saloon where they will spend their money for drinks.

Reactions.

Most of the Negroes seem to have given the matter very little attention and some of them were seen going into the place when they knew they were discriminated against, while others say that a boycott will be put on the restaurant and saloon.

Each Negro church pastor and each public school principal in St. Louis is being invited to apply for badges and sit among the vice-presidents of the celebration.

Watch for the hand-bills that give program in detail.

Admission free; program begins at 8 o'clock sharp.

Lincoln-Douglas Anniversary

The celebration of the Lincoln-Douglas Anniversary Monday evening at Pythian Hall was a rare treat to those who heard the cold weather, to attend. The auditorium was comfortably filled and the program as rendered was eminently fitting.

Rev. C. M. Talbert, Director of Streets and Sewers, after reviewing the life of Lincoln and related many pleasing anecdotes characteristic of the joyful disposition of the immortal president.

Mayor Henry W. Kiel touched upon the lives of both Lincoln and Douglas, and compared the advantages of today with those of the reconstruction era. The Mayor's address was entirely free from political reference and he was liberally applauded.

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Mr. Thomas R. Crawford is the president of this organization and with her coworkers, he has made this a shining star to their social activity until after the Lenten period. A number of out-of-town guests were present, but their poor report was so busy watching the ever-changing scene of beauty and bewitched by the brilliancy of some until all thoughts of names fled, leaving only a remembrance of this wonderful scene.



ANNUAL REPORTS OF WHEATLEY BRANCH Y. W. C. A.

Annual meeting of Wheatley Branch Y. W. C. A. was held Friday evening, January 26, 1917. The reports given at this meeting show remarkable growth in the work of this worthy institution.

The length of the many creditable reports given at this meeting will prevent our giving them in full, but the following part of the reports will be of interest to the public.

Report of the Building Committee.

The Building Committee consisting of Miss May Chas. Mrs. Ruth Coleman, Mrs. W. H. Chivvis, Dr. Mary McLean and Mrs. J. F. Fisher, of the central board; Mrs. M. O. Trice, Miss A. M. Williams, Miss Annie Richardson, G. Hammond and Miss M. B. Belcher of the Board of Management Wheatley Branch; Dr. Wm. Perry and Dr. McCallan of the Advisory Board, and Mr. Frank Roberson, architect, held its first meeting July 2, 1915, with Mrs. Ruth Coleman presiding as temporary chairman.

Mrs. M. O. Trice was elected permanent chairman and L. C. Hammond secretary. Mr. Frank Roberson, Miss Col. Mrs. Fisher, Miss Russell and Miss Belcher were appointed a sub-committee to go over the building, see its condition and suggest plans, etc., and report to the Building Committee. The Building Committee met next on July 6th. The report of the sub-committee was received and the committee discharged with thanks.

Another committee to be known as the Committee on Bids and Specifications was appointed. Mrs. Fisher was appointed chairman. Miss Belcher, Mrs. Coleman, Mrs. Chivvis, Miss A. M. Williams, Dr. Perry and Mr. Frank Roberson, as committee.

The following bids on the main building were recommended by the Committee on Bids and Specifications and accepted by the Building Committee.

Main Building.

Carpenter work, Oliver Starkes, \$764.64
Plumbing and gas fitting, C. P. Smith, 575.00
Plastering, Chas. Holliday, 145.00
Fire lining, 57.45
Roofs on main building and roof building, Keystone Roofing Co., 90.75
Rear brick fence repaired, 17.00

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Dr. W. B. Johnson Speaks Sunday

"The Hidden Pull" will be the subject of Dr. W. B. Johnson, pastor of St. Paul A. M. E. Church, before the Y. M. C. A. meeting on Sunday, Feb. 18. Dr. Johnson was for a number of years successful pastor in Alabama and since coming to our city has taken a lively interest in all civic matters. This will be his first time to address the Young Men's Christian Association and it is very likely that a large number of men will be present to hear him, as men would be attracted by the subject, "The Hidden Pull."

A meeting will be held at the Young Men's Christian Association, 2702 Lawton avenue, at 4 p. m.

As an example of good strong municipal government, Dr. Johnson has been elected to the position of pastor of the church, Dr. B. W. Johnson and family. While Dr. Johnson has been in the city for quite a while, the opportunity to welcome him came at a time when the hearts of the people were best fitted to honor him. They have seen him, known him and appreciated his worth to the community.

An elaborate program was rendered for the occasion, on which were the Mayor of the City of St. Louis, business men, teachers, ministers and other professional men.

In his response, in the most choice language, Dr. Johnson very gracefully acknowledged the courtesies extended to him and stated that he hoped that the good people of St. Louis would find him to be the man that they had expressed themselves as believing he was. His remarks showed that he had made a study of his new field of labor and was well informed of conditions. He said in part: "Your burdens shall be mine; you will find me ready to do anything I can for the uplift of my people. A life of service has been my lot and I am anxious to contribute to the moral, social and religious advancement of my city."

An appetizing repast was served by the ladies of the church, headed by Mrs. Lila Covington and Mrs. Carrie F. Betty, during the special service. Dr. W. Scott was master of ceremonies.

JOINT ENTERTAINMENT.

There will be a grand masque ball given by the Graham Lodge, Cleveland Club of Elks, Polar Wave Lodge No. 112, White Temple No. 10, and Polar Wave Temple No. 1, Daughters of Elks, Monday night, Feb. 26, 1917 (Mardi Gras night), at Douglas Hall, Beaumont and Lawton avenues. Good music and refreshments. Admission, 25 cents.

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"THE UNBORN"

B. W. THEATRE WEEK FEB. 26

Five-Act Original Drama Exposing the Quack Doctors' Nefarious Methods Will Be Shown at the Booker Washington Theatre One Week With Daily Matinees, Beginning Monday, February 26.

Special Lectures by Miss Louise Emma Abbott at All Matinees Except Sunday, for Ladies Only—Men Only Admitted at Nights and Sunday Matinee.

"The Unborn," a five-act original drama, will be shown at the Booker Washington Theatre one week beginning Monday, February 26, at 8 o'clock. The play is by George Eliot, Jr., and deals with a much discussed subject—birth control. It exposes the quack doctors' nefarious methods and handles the subject in almost unobjectionable manner.

The picture has been produced to serve a moral purpose and as such it is an excellent interesting presentation, as well as an interesting and entertaining production. It strikes at the root of an evil and frankly shows the truth. In doing so it makes a production especially enlightening for parents. Good photography, excellent acting, beautiful exterior scenes, all help to make this picture an interesting presentation.

The matinee will begin each day at 2 o'clock. Admission, 10 cents. Night shows with vaudeville, at usual prices, starting at 6 p. m. During the week day matinees, Miss Louise Emma Abbott, late head nurse of the Kansas City, Mo., Colored Hospital, will lecture to the ladies only. Men will only be admitted at nights and Sunday matinee. Owing to the delicate subject dealt with in this great film children will not be admitted unless accompanied by parents, or bring notes.

Mr. Thos. Kiser Passes Away

Hot Springs, Ark.—(Special).—Mr. Thomas Kiser, an old and respected citizen of Hot Springs, Ark., died at his home Feb. 4th, at the age of 90 years, 10 months and 27 days, and was buried the 6th. Funeral services were held from Kosanok Baptist Church, where he had been a member for many years. Rev. Henderson, the pastor, officiated.

When the pastor called to see him a few days before he died, he found Mr. Kiser conscious of his death and perfectly lucid. He told his Master well. He told the pastor he had no pains and soon would sleep away.

Mr. Kiser was born in North Carolina, a slave, having had different owners. This is the reason he and his son have different names. He had lived in Hot Springs for many years and was loved by both white and black. He had accumulated quite a nice fortune in land and property, the bulk of which was left to his only son, Sergeant Green St. Louis.

Mr. John C. Rector, his real estate agent and general business manager, notified the son that his father was loved by both white and black. He had accumulated quite a nice fortune in land and property, the bulk of which was left to his only son, Sergeant Green St. Louis.

Mr. Kiser leaves one son, Sergeant Green St. Louis, who is a United States retired commissary sergeant, two brothers, Steven and Britt Kiser of Spiceland, Ind., and a host of friends to mourn his loss.

DR. WM. J. THOMPSON ENDORSED

The Missouri Legislature Signally Honors One Kansas City's Prominent Negro Physicians With a Tribute Never Before Given Any Other Member of the Race in This State.

The following resolution adopted by the legislature of this state in its present session, amply demonstrates that the Democratic party in Missouri, at least is not opposed to the advancement of capable, worthy and well equipped Negroes. It is as follows:

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NEGRO VOTERS' LEAGUE DOUGLAS MEMORIAL SUNDAY

At St. James Church Sunday, February 12th at 2:00 p. m.

The Hundredth Memorial Anniversary for the late Negro Statesman, Frederick Douglass, will be held Sunday, February 12, under the auspices of The Negro Independent Voters' League at St. James A. M. E. Church, Pendleton and St. Ferdinand Aves., at 2 p. m.

The following interesting program will be rendered:

- 1 Song—"America"—Congregation.
- 2 Invocation—Dr. Wm. H. Peck.
- 3 Introduction—Mr. E. L. Harris, Jr., Master of Ceremonies.
- 4 Song—Choir.
- 5 Biography of Douglass—Dr. A. W. Buchanan.
- 6 "Some Lessons to be Learned from the Life and Times of Douglass"—Attorney Geo. L. Vaughn.
- 7 Vocal Solo—"O Divine Redeemer," by Gospel—Miss E. L. Harris, accompanied by Mrs. Annett H. Officer.
- 8 "Douglass as a Statesman"—Mr. J. W. McIntyre.
- 9 Violin Solo—Intermezzo—"Cavaleira Rusticana"—Prof. Wm. Thomas as Melton.
- 10 "Recent Memories of Douglass"—Mr. Wm. H. Davis.
- 11 Benediction—Dr. Wm. H. Peck.

The officers of the organization are: Geo. L. Vaughn, president; J. H. Jones, vice-president; Paul W. Moseley, secretary; Dr. A. W. Buchanan, treasurer; J. W. McIntyre, chairman Executive Board; W. H. Fisher, chairman War Reliance Organization Committee; Ernest P. Tallo, sergeant-at-arms.

The Executive Committee is composed of Wm. E. Officer, Jr., Dr. B. C. Richardson, Dr. Edward L. Grant, Mrs. Crawford, William Edison and Rev. S. D. Davis. The league is a non-sectarian, non-political organization, its motto: Raise the Standard of Negro Citizenship.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Cole preached a very interesting sermon Sunday morning, subject, "Entering a Race," which all enjoyed. Rev. Jackson preached Sunday night. On the fourth Sunday, February 25, Rev. Johnson of Mississippi will preach. Rev. Cole urges all members and friends to be present. Deacons H. H. Jones and Superintendent of Sunday school, Mr. E. H. Staughter, received one of the beautiful books by giving more than \$14. The books were donated to the church by Capt. Butler.

Ten Years For Lima Lynchers

Lima, O., Jan. 28.—Common Pleas Judge William Klinger, who announced several days ago that he would suspend sentence against all who pleaded guilty to participation in the mob outbreak last August when an attempt was made to lynch the Afro-American, Charles Daniels, dropped a bomb in the ranks of the rioters today. Bert Meyers, hater, one of thirty-four men indicted in connection with the riot, appeared before court and pleaded guilty, but in place of a suspended sentence, was given ten years in the penitentiary. Meyers almost collapsed and had to be supported to a chair. Judge Klinger stated that evidence showed Meyers to be a ringleader.

NEGRO ACQUITTED OF ATTACK ON WHITE GIRL IN COUNTY

State Had Demanded Death Penalty in Webster Groves Case—Alibi Sworn

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BISHOP WALKERS DEAD

Bishop Alexander Walker, who has been ill for many months, passed away Thursday, Feb. 1, at his home in New York. The funeral was held on Tuesday, February 6.

PYTHIAN COMPANY 'A' ON DECK

At the meeting of Company A, First Regiment of Missouri, K. of P. Wednesday evening, February 7, the officers for the ensuing term were elected as follows: Captain, John A. Bivens; First Lieutenant, Alvin Payne; Second Lieutenant, Forrest Duncan; Recorder, Dr. E. Williams, (known as the most efficient in the service); Treasurer, Edw. Edwards; Quartermaster, Wm. Clark. This is the senior company west of the Mississippi and has won several prizes.